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Mobile Ground Terminal (MGT) Procurement
Strategy and Request for Proposal (U)

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1. Background:

a. The MGT concept is an outgrowth of survivability initiatives to enhance DSP data processing during pre-, trans- and post-attack. The MGT is to be a truck-mounted, air-transportable, flexible system characterized by austere manning and support equipment.

b. On 17-Dec-79, a meeting was convened here to review the MGT specifications, statement of work and system operational concept (SOC). Participants included representatives from SD, SAC, ADC, AFCC, Aerospace Corp and IRT Corp. During the meeting it became clear that the procurement strategy does not adequately address all elements of the MGT system. The result of this situation is a failure to define an integrated system which will be capable of supporting operations. This failure impacts funding, program direction and system planning. Specific MGT system deficiencies are as noted in attachment 2. Related to these deficiencies is the recent DSARC decision to procure more MGTs, modify deployment and provide crosslinking for GSD satellites.

2. Discussion:

a. The message at attachment 1 suggests a review of the procurement strategy and requests that the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) be postponed until an integrated MGT concept can adequately address system integration. Additionally, the message notes that we are willing to jointly brief our concerns and rationale.

b. The message indicates that the requirement for survivable systems to support DSP data processing has not changed. The Joint ADC/SAC GOR 20578, 9 Nov 78 (unvalidated) remains as the requiring document.

RECOMMENDATION

5. Forward to J. coordination. Following coordination, the message
on attachment 1 will be signed and transmitted.

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1. Proposed Reg. Subj: ~~Ground Terminal (MGT) Program~~
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2. ~~List of MGT System Data~~

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(No record of attachment 2.)